

Parish News & Events

Assisted Suicide Bill: Called to Care, Not to Kill.

Please take home and read the letter from all of the Bishops of Scotland available in the porch. It is extremely important that **you contact MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland.** Use the **QR code** below to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs.

You can also visit rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org for more information.

Lepra Charity Appeal - Second Collection

Thank you so much for your extremely generous donations last weekend to help those suffering from leprosy, you raised **£1,631**.

Sunday Breakfast

Sunday breakfast is after the 10.30am Mass in the Hall. Everyone is most welcome, and children eat for free.

Gift Aid Scheme and New Envelopes

There is still time to join the gift aid scheme this year, and there are a few envelopes still to be collected for those already in the scheme from the porch.

The new envelopes should be used from **next week - 4th/5th May**.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This programme for children aged 3-5 years runs in the Hall after 10.30am Mass, new children are most welcome to join the group.

SCIAF boxes

All SCIAF boxes should now be returned to the parish so they can be counted - thank you for your generosity.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This Wednesday 1st May at 7.00pm we are delighted to welcome Bishop Toal to the parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our Primary 7 children. Please remember the children, their families, and sponsors in your prayers in these final days of preparation. **All parishioners are most welcome to attend this Mass.**

First Communion Catechesis

Our First Communion catechesis continued today and will conclude with the final session next **Saturday 4th May at 3.00pm in the Hall.** These sessions are to help the children prepare better for receiving the Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time.

First Communion Date 2025

Next year Easter falls on the relatively late date of 20th April 2025, which means Corpus Christi is Sunday 22nd June. This date is too late in the school year for our First Communion children, therefore our First Communions 2025 will be on **Saturday 31st May**, the Feast of the Visitation.

Marian Consecration for the Month of May

The Catholic app **Exodus 90** has a 33 day programme, beginning today (Sunday 28th April), for those who wish to honour Our Lady in the month of May by making a 33-Day Consecration to her. There is a small charge for the subscription, but you can read the details online, and download the app from the App Store.

St Andrew's Hospice Fundraiser

There will be a fundraising night featuring an evening with Paul French in St Patrick's Hall (Mayo Suite) on Friday 6th May at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 which includes a light supper. Call Helen or Joe on 01236 435989 or 07708882633 for tickets.

Parish Summer BBQ

Our first parish BBQ will take place on **Saturday 22nd June**, after the Vigil Mass. More details to follow, but please save the date!


Hall Bookings

For those wishing to book the Hall, please contact Val Reid on 07938 873113.

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Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Monday 29th April Mass at 9.45am, Holy Rosary 9.20am.
Feast of St Catherine of Siena

Tuesday 30th April Mass at 9.45am

Wednesday 1st May Mass at 9.45am
Memorial of St Joseph the Worker
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.10-9.40am.
Mass at 7.00pm - Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 2nd May Mass at 7.00pm
Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.00pm,
concluding with sung Benediction before Mass.
Confessions 6.00-6.40pm.

Friday 3rd May Mass at 9.45am
Feast of Ss Philip & James, Apostles
Confessions 9.10-9.40am, Holy Rosary at 9.20am.

Saturday 4th May Traditional Latin Mass at 10.00am
Feast of St Monica
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions from
9.00am - 9.50am

Sunday 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Vigil Mass Sat 4th May at 4.15pm Confessions 3.30-4.00pm.

Sunday Mass at 9.00am & 10.30am (with Children's Liturgy)

Prayers for the sick and housebound

May Rooney, Neil McDade, Jim Kelly, Anne Thérèse Judge, Betty Cannon, Nora McCann, Rose McGhee, John Foley, Brian Judge, Tony Gallagher, Michael Nilsson, Barbara Lucock, Mary Slevin, Cathie Dunnachie, Thomas Martin, Peter Fleming, Eileen Wilkie, Caroline Boland, Jean Graham, Heather Flanigan, Geraldine Boyce, Janey Tominey, Willie Savage, Rachel Dillon, John & Mary McDade, William Gilmour, and Andrew Cane.

Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Anne Sheridan.

Month's Mind: Rena Willis, Patrick Hughes, and Richie Burns.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.